

## Laura Bowman

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**From:** official information  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 22 June 2022 11:43 am  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** official information  
**Subject:** Final response - LGOIMA 265968 - [REDACTED] - all documents, emails and drafts pertaining to the "draft concept plan" of any future planned walkways

Kia Ora,

I refer to your **information request below**, Hamilton City Council is able to provide the following response.

### Your Request

Please also take this email as an Official Information Request on all documents, emails and drafts pertaining to the "draft concept plan" of any future planned walkways.

### Our Response

Please see the following link for all documents and emails we have located regarding the draft concept plan of any future planned walkways for Te Awa O Kaataapaki  [LGOIMA 265968](#)

Please note that this folder contains all documents we have been able to locate on this matter. There have been no further conceptual planning for Te Awa O Kaataapaki by the Hamilton City Council since the work done as part of the last Long Term Plan. The conceptual work ahead for Nature in the City at this site will commence in the next year or two and will involve engagement with the local community as part of that process.

Please also click [here](#) to be directed to the page on the Hamilton City Council website for information on the Integrated Catchment Management Plan for Te Awa o Kaataapaki.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Kind Regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 20 May 2022 11:39 am  
**To:** Melissa Slatter <[Melissa.Slatter@hcc.govt.nz](mailto:Melissa.Slatter@hcc.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Feedback on Draft Te Awa O Kaataapaki ICMP, and OIA

Dear Melissa,

Thank you for your phone call earlier this morning.

#### FEEDBACK AND OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

1. I am an owner-resident of [REDACTED], Flagstaff and a legal rate payer with Hamilton City Council
2. Please take this email as a formal written objection to construction of any unnatural / synthetic / man-made board-walk or walk-way in the gully section adjacent to my property for the following reasons:
  - a. Threat to riparian vegetation through earthworks, rubbish, human and animal traffic from such a walkway
  - b. Threat to native rare eel and fish species in the gully stream from such a walkway. These rare species were discovered and studied by Waikato University ecologists during the construction of the box culvert under River Road a few years ago. A walkway would introduce toxins from rubbish, canine urine and canine faeces, and would no doubt kill all the rare species in the stream.
  - c. Introduction of crime and disruption of privacy and peace in the area with increased human traffic along such a walkway with access of individuals to residents' back yards.

Hamilton City Council has sadly not had any success in adequately maintaining an existing walkway upstream of the section described above (the section adjacent to Trent Lane) and sadly this existing walkway has fallen into disrepair. One other resident has described this existing walkway as "disgusting". Therefore the local residents have no confidence that HCC will be able to safely maintain any future constructed walkways in the area.

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The Te Awa o Kaataapaki gully and stream have been worked on tirelessly by local residents acting as "new custodians" in cooperation with the department of Parks and Gullies providing appropriate native seedlings. It has taken years to get the gully to its current state with the appropriate planting of natives and clearing of noxious plants.

The gully is best left alone to continue to thrive, with no walkway or board-walk constructed.

Regards